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RECORD OF DEATHS.

Persons Well Known to Many of Our Readers, Who Have Answered Final Summons.

ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

DENTON HOOPENGARDNER.

Denton Hoopengardner, a well known citizen of Whips Cove, died at his home on Tuesday morning of last week, aged about seventy-five years.

Mr. Hoopengardner had been in his usual health, and had done a days mowing the day before. He arose that morning, washed himself, went to walk across the kitchen in which his wife was preparing breakfast, when he fell to the floor. His wife asked him what made him fall, and he replied that he did not know what caused him to fall—that his legs just seemed to get tangled and he could not help falling. The probability is, that he had a stroke, for it was but a short time until he lost his speech, and lapsed into unconsciousness, and died in a few hours.

Besides his wife, who was a Miss May, he is survived by three children, Elijah H., residing in Maryland; Martha, wife of Price Stern, and Hannah, widow of the late Edwin Bushong.

The funeral took place on Thursday, the services being conducted by the Rev. Jesse Kauffman, and interment was made in the cemetery at the Whips Cove church.

MRS. ADAM LONG.

Mrs. Adam Long died at the home of her husband about a mile and a half north of Knobsville, Saturday last of old age and general debility aged 77 years, 10 months and 15 days. The deceased had been a member of the Lutheran Church at Knobsville but after that denomination ceased to have a congregation there she united with the Methodist church of Knobsville. She had lived a quiet and peaceable life and was well known and deeply loved by many relatives and friends who mourn her departure. The deceased was Miss Jane Glunt and had been married for many years. She is survived by her husband, and the following children: Mrs. Adam Gress, McConnellsburg; Mrs. Ed. Foster, Wells Valley; Mrs. James Griffin, Cowan, W. Va.; Miss Alice, at home; John, in Dublin township, and Jacob, Hagerstown, Md.

Funeral services were held at the home of the deceased Monday afternoon by Rev. Clifford E. Hays, with interment in the Methodist burying ground at Knobsville.

MRS. STINSON.

Mrs. Myrtle Mae Stinson, wife of Milton Stinson, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allison Taylor, near Waterfall, died at her home on the Sixmile Run side of Broad top, very suddenly last Thursday, aged 25 years, 1 month, and 20 days. Her remains were interred in the cemetery at the Center M. E. Church on Sunday. Besides her husband, she is survived by two small children. She had been a sufferer for several years with gastric catarrh.

The Rev. William Anthony, a widely known Dunkard preacher, died suddenly at his home in Shady Grove, Franklin county last Sunday. The Rev. Mr. Anthony conducted Sunday school services in the church in the west end of the village Sunday morning. He returned home and a few minutes afterward his wife found him prostrated by paralysis. A physician was summoned, but at noon Mr. Anthony died. He was 65 years old. Mr. Anthony was well known in Fulton county, and frequently preached in the McConnellsdale church north of town.

D. L. Grissing is having a concrete pavement laid in front of his property on First street.

SHERIFF GILLAN GOT THEM.

Leslie McGovern and Mary Sherman Arrested in Philadelphia Last Saturday.

Leslie McGovern, who sold his farm in Ayr township last spring and moved to Chambersburg, and Mrs. Mary Sherman also a former resident of this county were arrested in Philadelphia last Saturday and brought to Chambersburg on Sunday and lodged in jail at that place.

McGovern is a married man, 52 years of age, Mrs. Sherman is 38 and the mother of nine children. She is the wife of Thomas Sherman, of Franklin county, although she and her husband have not been living together for some time. The story as given by the (Chambersburg) Public Opinion of Monday is about as follows:

McGovern, according to the story the authorities got, has been paying attention to Mrs. Sherman for some time. McGovern sold his farm before he came here, but retained a pair of black horses with which he had been doing hauling about town. Recently a daughter of Mrs. Sherman came to Mrs. McGovern and told her that her mother and McGovern were planning to go together to Philadelphia. Mrs. McGovern accused her husband of this, but he denied it, saying that the Sherman girl had told the story because she and her mother were at odds.

But that the story was founded on truth was shown last week when McGovern left town. At the same time Mrs. Sherman was missing.

McGovern left \$400 in a bureau drawer at his home. He also left a note for his wife saying that she could sell the pair of horses and keep the money. The remainder of his money he took with him.

Mrs. McGovern sold the horses to a local dealer for \$450 and at the same time preferred charges of desertion against her husband. Soon afterward she received a letter from her husband. It was postmarked Philadelphia and stated that McGovern had learned that she sold the horses. He stated further that if she would buy back the horses he would return home. He instructed her to answer his letter so that he could receive it in Philadelphia on Saturday at the general delivery office.

These instructions gave a tip to Sheriff Gillan and he went to Philadelphia on Saturday. He secured the assistance of Detectives Emanuel and Scanlin of the City Hall force and went to the postoffice. After several hours of waiting McGovern appeared, and being spotted by the Sheriff, was placed under arrest.

It was then learned that Mrs. Sherman was at an apartment house at 1329 Arch street with her 6 year-old son. The officers went there and arrested her on a serious charge. Mrs. Sherman had \$2212 with her and Sheriff Gillan took this money. It is supposed that it is money furnished by McGovern.

The pair was released from jail Monday under bail for their appearance at a hearing to be had Tuesday evening.

Mr. George King, a native of McConnellsburg, but who during the past thirty eight years has been a resident of Saxton, Bedford county, spent a few days during the past week, among his old time acquaintances in McConnellsburg. Mr. King went into business in the room now occupied by Trout's drug store about the beginning of the War, conducting a millinery and notion store. He later went into the dry goods business in the corner room in J. Nelson Sipes' building with the late John Nelson as a partner and the late Harvey Nelson a clerk, which business was continued until 1867 under the firm name of King & Nelson.

THE SOUTH PENN. AGAIN.

Rumor Has It That The Pennsylvania Must Build It In Self Defence.

That the Pennsylvania Railroad Company does not intend to take any chances of losing the profitable mail contracts wrested away from the New York Central many years ago is indicated by the activity of the engineering forces and the plans now being made to provide a shorter route from Harrisburg to Pittsburg.

There was much speculation some time since upon the possibility of the New York Central running trains through Harrisburg from New York City by way of the Reading the Western Maryland and a new stretch of road from Coanellsville to Pittsburg and this was immediately followed by the announcement from New York that in the event of the deal mentioned failing to go through, the Central was in a position to get into Pittsburg from the East by a northern route that is now almost completed. Both these routes are shorter than the Pennsy main line.

At once the Pennsylvania Railroad Company began activities in its engineering departments and surveyors began the work of planning cut offs along the Middle Division, while another corps ran a line through Perry County to the West, along a comparatively low grade that has often been reported to be under consideration as a short cut to Pittsburg from a point on the Middle Division west of Harrisburg.

Now comes the announcement that a complete new survey is being made along the line of the Cumberland Valley Railroad from Harrisburg to Shippensburg, with a view of four-tracking that line. From Shippensburg it is proposed to resurvey the old South Penn, which was partly constructed years ago for the purpose of competing with the Pennsylvania, but which was taken over by the Pennsylvania before it was finished.

The announcement in a Baltimore newspaper last week that the Pennsy had renewed its lease of the old South Penn, with a view of putting it in shape for operation, gave rise to the stories that the New York Central is not to have its own way in a shorter route to the West.

Within the past few days inquiries have been made regarding accommodations for civil engineers at hotels between Lemoine and Shippensburg, the statement being made that orders have been given to make surveys for additional tracks starting at Lemoine and terminating at Shippensburg and to continue the work along the original route of the old South Penn.

One engineer said:

"Our instructions are to do certain work and we seldom know until some time after the work is completed what the surveys are for. It has been reported in Philadelphia and New York for some time that the Pennsy does not propose to allow the New York Central to take any business if it can be helped and having a lease on the South Penn, and being in a position to get a new route in shape in very short order, the Pennsylvania Railroad has the advantage over the Central, not only in being in a position to complete a new line in less time, but in having a shorter route when the proposed new line is completed."

The engineer quoted would not say how long he is to remain on the work contemplated, but admitted that his corps will go as far as Shippensburg and from there over the South Penn route. He also intimated that the proposed improvements called for the widening of the Cumberland Valley bridge at Harrisburg for additional tracks. He expected the survey to be started on or about August 1.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

Barn Ignited from Engine While Threshing is Totally Destroyed With Much Other Property.

NEIGHBOR'S BUILDINGS ALL BURNED.

One of the most disastrous fires occurred on Pleasant Ridge a few miles south of the turnpike in Licking Creek township on Monday afternoon that we have had to chronicle for a long time, in which two barns, two crops, house, other buildings, live stock &c., were destroyed.

Benjamin Deshong just recently purchased a brand new steam threshing outfit of the very latest improved type, and was threshing for James Mellott, tenant on the farm of James's mother, the widow of the late Michael Mellott. On account of the proximity of a bank to the barn, it was necessary to use a short belt, and it happened to be rather windy, so that the barn caught fire in some way, and so quickly did the flames envelop the structure that the building was entirely destroyed, together with Mr. Mellott's entire crop of hay and grain, his agricultural implements, and Mr. Deshong's new engine and thresh er. In making an unsuccessful effort to save the thresher, Mr. Deshong was so severely burned about the face and arms that he had to have the services of a physician.

Burning embers were carried by the fierce wind about a half mile to the barn of Ulysses Deshong, which was soon ablaze, and before anything could be done to save the property, the fire communicated itself to the wagon shed, thence to his dwelling house, and in a comparatively short time every building on the place including the blacksmith shop was reduced to ashes, together with his hay, grain, farming implements, harness, two good horses, one hog, household goods, &c.

These people are hard working and industrious, and the loss means much to them. We are not informed as to whether or not they had any insurance. In any event, they will be great losers.

To add to the misfortune, Wish art Deshong, who lives on an adjoining farm, had just threshed his crop and hauled it to the home of his father Ulysses Deshong for storage, and it was entirely destroyed also.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Barn on Jacob Miller Farm Near Dublin Mills Destroyed. Tenant Levi Long Loses.

Last Saturday morning one of the most severe electrical storms for many years passed over the upper end of the county doing much damage. The storm lasted only a few minutes during which time considerable hail fell in many places tearing corn and buckwheat into shreds.

During the storm the lightning struck the barn on the Jacob Miller farm on which Levi Long resides. Although at the early hour of 2 o'clock, a. m., in a very short time twenty-five or thirty persons were upon the scene. But the barn was so fired that it could not be saved. The stroke knocked off two or three strips of weather boarding into the field near by, killing a cow in the barn yard, and also thought to have killed a horse in the stable. Besides the cow and horse, it also burned a mule, a calf, all his grain, his wagon and hay ladders, a set of new bob sleds and his hay.

Mr. Long could not get into the barn below on account of flames coming from the overshoot. All that he could do was to throw the doors open, but his stock would not come out.

It is a severe loss to Mr. Long; for in a few minutes, his year's work went up in smoke. He carried no insurance. It is thought the barn is insured for about \$800.

WHY NOT GET BUSY?

If Fulton Is to Get in on the Ground Floor, It Is Time to Do Something.

The Sprout Bill passed by the last legislature providing a way by which Fulton county, along with the rest of the State, may have better roads is now a law, and the machinery for carrying out the provisions of that law is already in operation. Of the hundreds of miles of road planned to be built, the appropriation will not permit of more than a small portion being built each year, and whether Fulton county shall have the benefit of the first money appropriated or wait until everybody else is served will depend much upon the interest Fulton county people manifest in the work. Usually what is not worth asking for is not worth having, and the Commissioner is already beset by petitions and personal solicitation to take up the work in other parts of the State. Why not get busy and present petitions and make a strenuous effort to have some of the first money spent in Fulton county. On account of the absence of railroad and trolley means of transportation, and because of the fact that the road leading east and west through the county is the main thoroughfare for automobile travel between the western and eastern part of the State, there should be little in the way of beginning work in this county this summer.

The indifference on the part of the County Commissioners a few years ago, caused this county to lose more than sixty thousand dollars that should have been spent on Fulton county roads. Now, that the opportunity comes around again, we should seize it, and seize it strenuously.

Commissioner Bigelow passed through McConnellsburg a few days ago and the following clipped from an exchange shows that he recognizes the need of improved highway facilities in this section of the State.

In speaking of his trip from Pittsburg to Harrisburg Commissioner Bigelow said:

"The roads I traveled, form an excellent route for touring parties. With the exception of a spot between here and Greensburg and a bad drive over the mountains from Ligonier to Stoyestown, the road to Bedford is in fair condition. I have decided to put a big force of men to work at once to smooth out the rough spots and make an excellent driveway for the full 110 miles.

"Leaving Bedford we went to Everett along the Philadelphia pike. At Ray's Hill I found a tollgate and for 60 miles the ride cost \$1.55. When I get back to Harrisburg I intend to make some inquiries about these tollgates. I cannot understand why a part of the pike is free and the old system of taking toll still prevails on this stretch.

"The ride is a beautiful one. Especially is this true of the scenery on the mountains above McConnellsburg. There one has a view of the whole Cumberland valley. I never saw a prettier sight. When these roads are permanently improved, I intend to have them so constructed that opportunity will be afforded the traveler to stop at the spots where the scenery is the prettiest and make it easy for him to enjoy the view.

"I went over the proposed highway from Gettysburg to Harrisburg. I have had a big force of surveyors at work on this road all week and the construction is to be pushed with all speed so that the driveway will be completed on July 4, 1913, when the fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg is celebrated. This highway will be 40 odd miles in length and will be a link in the chain which is to connect Harrisburg and Washington, D. C. Gov. Carothers of Maryland has

DEATH CAME SUDDENLY.

Henry Tritle Died at His Home in This Place Tuesday Evening. Funeral To-day.

Henry Tritle, aged 43 years, 11 months, and 18 days, died suddenly at his home on west Water street, McConnellsburg, Tuesday evening, July 25, 1911.

After having spent seven years farming in Franklin county, Mr. Tritle with his family moved into the Alex Patterson house on the first of last April, and since that time Mr. Tritle kept two horses and a wagon and did hauling. On Tuesday he was over at Foltz with a load, returning in the evening in his usual health.

About half past nine o'clock, he came into his home and went down to the basement to get a drink of buttermilk before going to bed. A few minutes later an unusual noise was heard and his wife went down and found Henry on his hands and knees, apparently trying to make his way to the stairway, but unconscious. She at once summoned Dr. Dabney, who did everything possible to restore the sick man, but in a few minutes, Henry was lifeless.

Mr. Tritle had suffered before from the effects of a weak heart, and it is believed that he sank under an attack of heart failure while in the basement.

About twelve years ago, Henry was married to Miss Nellie, a daughter of the late Elliott Ray, and she with three children—George, Dorothy, and Ernest, survive.

The deceased was a son of the late George Tritle of the Cove, and is survived by his mother and the following brothers and sisters: Scott; Annie, wife of James Fryman; Frank, Jacob Walter, Winter Allen, and Eatha wife of George A. Comer—all of whom live in the Cove except Jacob and Winter, who live in Waynesboro.

The funeral will be held at 9:30 o'clock to-day and interment will be made in Union cemetery.

Big Trees.

Near the dwelling house of Charles F. Johnston in Ayr township is a cherry tree that has a girth of 15 feet 10 inches, and a willow tree, at 16 feet, 2 inches.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Beam, of Bedford, while attending the Shriners' convention in Rochester were so unfortunate as to be relieved of practically everything they had with them on the trip. The night before they were to leave the city burglars visited their room in the hotel and carried away their new suit case, clothing, watches, money, tickets, and even the former's spectacles. Mr. Beam was compelled to borrow clothing from a fellow boarder until he could purchase and friends aided them on the return trip.

The new house of Harvey Bender on north Second street is well under way and when finished will add much to that part of the town.

agreed that if Pennsylvania builds to the Maryland line, he will carry the highway through his state and into the District of Columbia.

"In my trip I noted the woeful lack of sign boards. The Sprout act makes the state responsible for them now and at the earliest possible time the traveler will find the information he seeks at every cross-roads. I have started men to work on this improvement and I intend to see that no time is lost in the work. This morning I was completely lost in the neighborhood of Armagh, Indiana county. There were no signs pointing the way and I was carried 20 miles out of my path. There is no excuse for this neglect and since the state has the power to remedy the wrong it will be remedied."

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Miss Lulu Snyder is visiting among her Fulton county friends.

John J. Gordon of lower Ayr was a visitor to town early on Monday morning.

Madden Crouse and Walter Shaw of Big Cove Tannery were seen on our streets on Saturday.

Miss Minnie Mock who taught in McCungo, Pa., last winter is spending her summer vacation here.

Herbert Helman and Miss Catharine Butler of Norristown, are guests of Mrs. Michael Helman in this place.

Misses Vernie V. Hays and Dora Bixler, of Hagerstown, Md., are visiting at the Lutheran parsonage, McConnellsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beener, of Norristown are spending a ten-day summer outing in the home of their uncle M. R. Shaffner, Esq.

Mr. Henry I. Fraker, of Clear Ridge, spent last Saturday in McConnellsburg, and was a very welcome caller at the News office.

Mrs. Robert N. Shimer and son Marlin are spending a week visiting friends and relatives in Chambersburg and Shippensburg.

Leslie W. Seylar and family spent part of a day recently with his mother and sister, Mrs. A. E. Seylar and Mrs. A. J. Fisher and family at Foltz.

Mrs. J. A. Pheil of Williamson, and her sister Ivy LaMaster, of Mercersburg, spent from Tuesday until Saturday with their grand-father Daniel E. Fore.

Mr. T. W. Walker near St. Thomas drove over to McConnellsburg last Saturday, and on Sunday returned home taking with him his wife and son who had been visiting in the home of Mrs. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sloan.

Mr. D. C. Hart, of Camden, N. J., spent the time from Saturday afternoon until Monday morning with McConnellsburg relatives on his way to spend a few days rest and recreation in the home of his mother Mrs. Rachel Hart in Whips Cove.

Hon. W. Scott Alexander has been suffering more than usual of late with rheumatism, and on Tuesday last he left for Berkely Springs to test the medicinal virtues of the waters at that place, as they have been highly recommended for rheumatics.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolf left last Thursday for Indiana to visit Mrs. Wolf's sister, Mrs. Sophia Smith at Shelbyville, and Mrs. Riley Wagoner at New Castle, Indiana. They will also visit relatives and friends at Dayton, Ohio, Swissvale and Altoona, Pa.

Ex-County Commissioner H. Park Palmer and Mr. Frank Fisher, both of Pigeon Cove, spent Monday night in town on business. While Pigeon Cove is one among the best farming sections of the County, Mr. Palmer says the crops this year are short.

Thomas A. Sipes, of North Dakota, was in town on business last Saturday. He was called home in May on account of the illness of his father Dennis B. Sipes, who died at his home in Saxton recently. Tommy expects to return to the West in a few days.

Riley Wagner and daughter Miss Erma, of New Castle, Ind., have been spending some time with friends at McConnellsburg, Dane, Decorum, and Knobsville. Mr. Wagner is a brother of Abram Wagner, of Knobsville, and has not been here for nineteen years.